recently. As such, no specific information is available as yet. However, in general, it is expected that inclusion of service sector would result in higher growth of the MSME sector and consequently facilitate in higher employment generation.

Criteria for investment by foreign companies

3872. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down for foreign collaboration agreement filed by Indian companies in all cases of investment by a foreign company;

(b) what is the relevance of such agreement in the case of wholly owned subsidiary of a foreign company in India, and whether such an agreement is required to be filed by wholly owned subsidiaries in any other country in today's dynamic investment world;

(c) whether such collaboration agreements is required to be filed by FIIS;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) As per the extant regulations notified under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999, Indian companies and FIIS are not required to file the foreign collaboration agreement with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). However, FIIS are required to be registered with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) before making any investment in India. Remittances for payment of royalty and lumpsum fee are allowed even where the technical collaboration has not been registered with the RBI, provided the payments are in conformity with the prescribed norms.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Expansion of trade with Pakistan

3873. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is contemplating pruning the sensitive list to expand trade with Pakistan as two most important items which Pakistan has an export interest are textiles and agricultural products;

(b) if so, whether the Indian Council for Research in International Economic Relations study observed that Pakistani exporters feel that India rigorously applies import restrictions in these two categories;

(c) whether any agreement has been reached in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No Sir. However, during the